schemes in rural areas. Thus, the total amount of Rs. 64883.54 crores has been spent during the last three years.

The Ministry of Rural Development implemented through the State Government/Union Territory Administrations the major rural development schemes namely, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampooma Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Pradhanmantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act has been implemented in 200 most backward districts of the country, identified by the Planning Commission, including 150 districts of National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) and 50 districts of Sampooma Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) w.e.f. 2nd February, 2006. The NREGA would be extended in all the districts of the country within a period of five years.

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development has been regularly making efforts to improve the existing implementation system of rural development programmes. In view of this, a comprehensive system of monitoring, review and impact assessment of the programmes have been put in place, including review by the Ministers, utilization of funds through Periodical Progress Reports, Performance Review Committee, Areas Officer's Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees at the state/ District Level with greater involvement of Members of Parliament, National Level Monitors and District Level Monitoring to monitor quality of work. The State Government has also been advised to adopt a five-pronged strategy consisting of (i) creation of awareness about the schemes, (ii) transparency, (iii) people's participation, (iv) accountability-social audit through, Gram Sabha and (v) strict monitoring and vigilance.

PMGSY In Andhra Pradesh

2851. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of scheme undertaken under PMGSY since January, 2004 in Andhra Pradesh to provide connectivity to all the unconnected

habitations in the rural areas with a population of more than 500 persons;

(b) the details of schemes under PMGSY pertaining to AP, that are still under consideration of his Ministry; and

(c) since when these schemes are pending and the reasons for their pendency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The State Government has reported that, as on January, 2005, all the unconnected habitations having population more than 500 have been connected with all-weather road, except 25 habitations located in Lankas which are not feasible to be connected at present. Notwithstanding this, the Ministry of Rural Development has approved 884 road works convering a length of 4185.78 kilometers at an estimated cost of Rs. 671.28 crore in the State under PMGSY since January, 2004. The Ministry has also approved construction of missing links of 416 road works of Phase I at an estimated cost of Rs. 161.61 crore.

(b) and (c) The State Government has, in August, 2006, has forwarded a detailed proposal for construction of 22 road works in Left Wing Extremist affected areas at an estimated cost of Rs. 29.42 crore. The State Government has been advised to review the proposals and revise them by removing certain deficiencies with respect to the Core Network, design and estimates to enable the Ministry to consider them for approval.

Water conservation by Artificial Glacier Technique

†2852. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Shri Chewang Narphle has done a commendable job for water conservation, by way of an artificial Glacier Technique for the Leh-Laddakh region;

(b) whether Government propose to make use of this technique for Watershed Development Programme;

(c) whether possibilities for making use of this technique in other areas, experiencing snow-falls as well have been explored; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.